

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 10/579,668        )  
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FOR: Invalidity                )  
Monitoring Program,            )  
Invalidity Monitoring        )  
Method and Invalidity        )  
Monitoring System             )  
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Group Art Unit: 2437          )  
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Examiner: J. Williams        )  
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**RESPONSE TO 03/23/09 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTION**

Claims 15-28 remain in the application. Claims 1-14 are canceled. Claims 15-28 are rejected.